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GWIMERIC Project 2: Evaluation of VET-HOME

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IMPACT

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PROJECT 2: EVALUATION OF VET-HOME

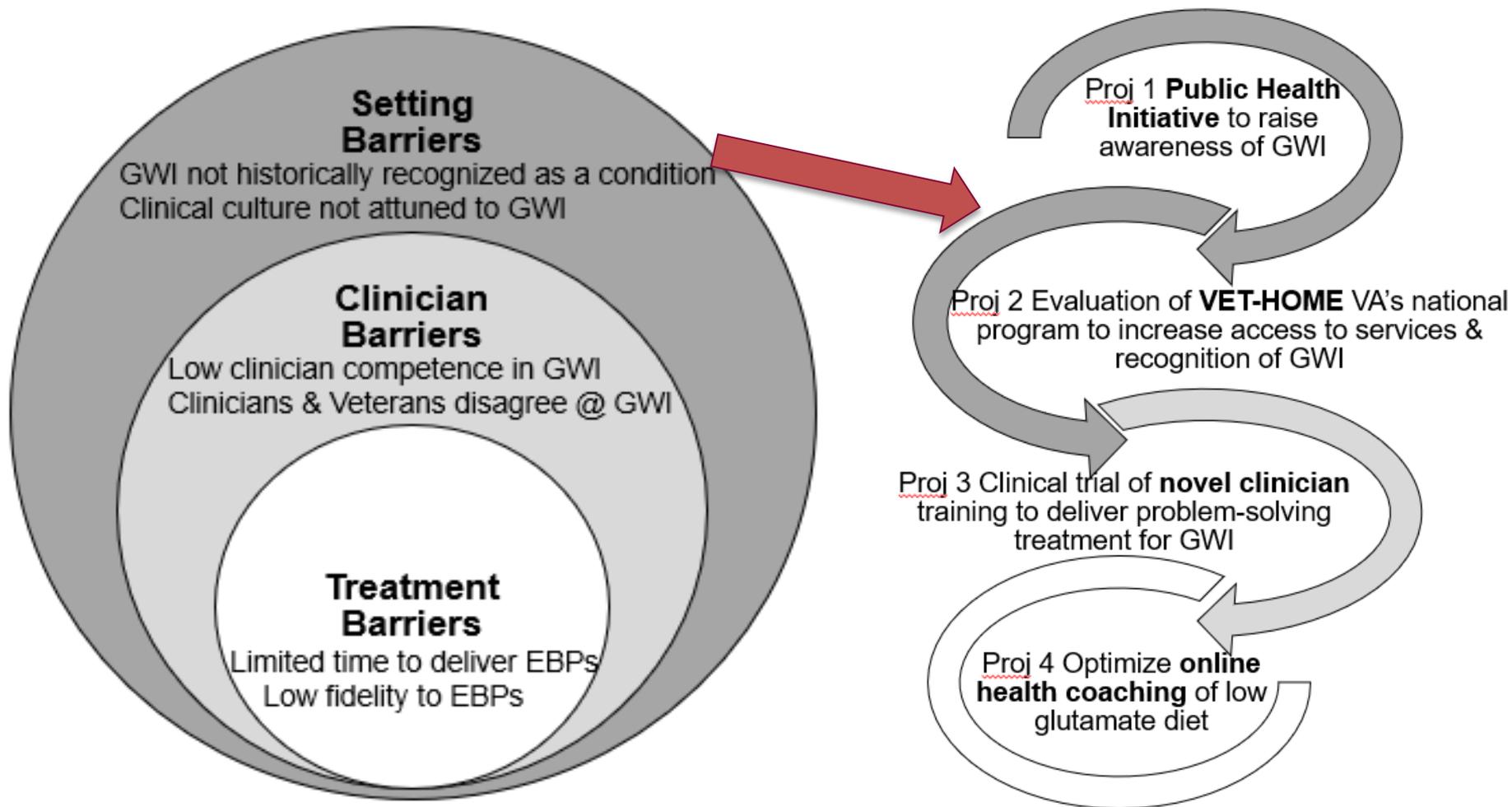
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PROBLEM & PROPOSED SOLUTION

Gaps:

- 1) Need for increased clinician and Veteran awareness of military exposure concerns, including GWI
 - 2) Need to improve quality, consistency, access, and utility of registry data including military exposure assessments
- *Veterans' enrollment in military exposure registries may be an opportunity to increase recognition of GWI and connect GWVs with helpful information and resources about their exposures and health concerns.*

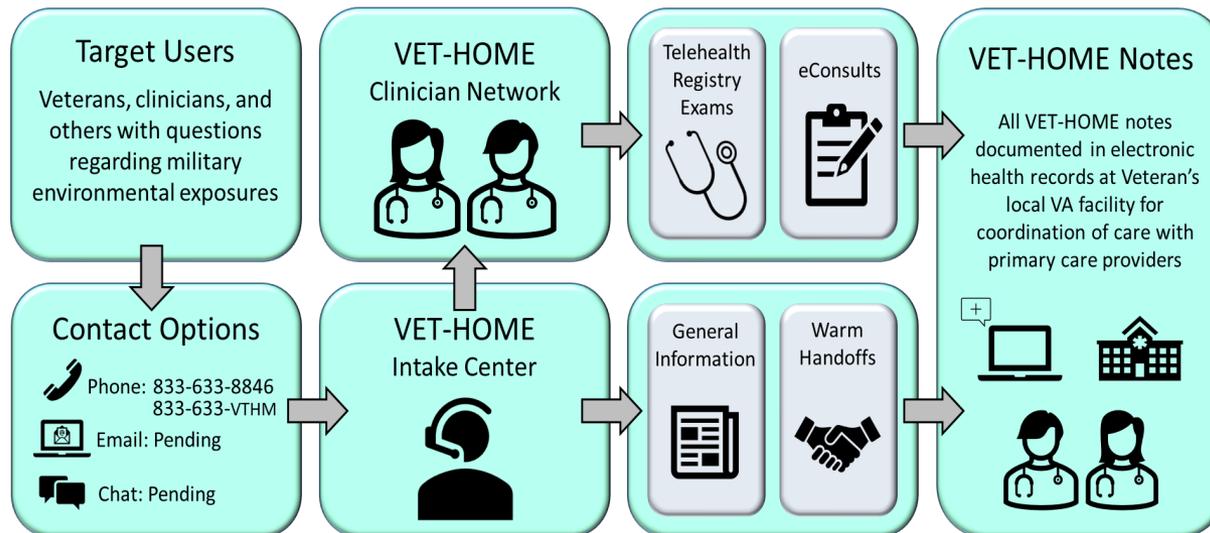


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Veterans Exposure Team-Health Outcomes of Military Exposures (VET-HOME):
Centralized approach to preparing Veterans for and providing high quality registry exams and military exposure assessments as well as improved access to resources and information relevant to military exposure health concerns.



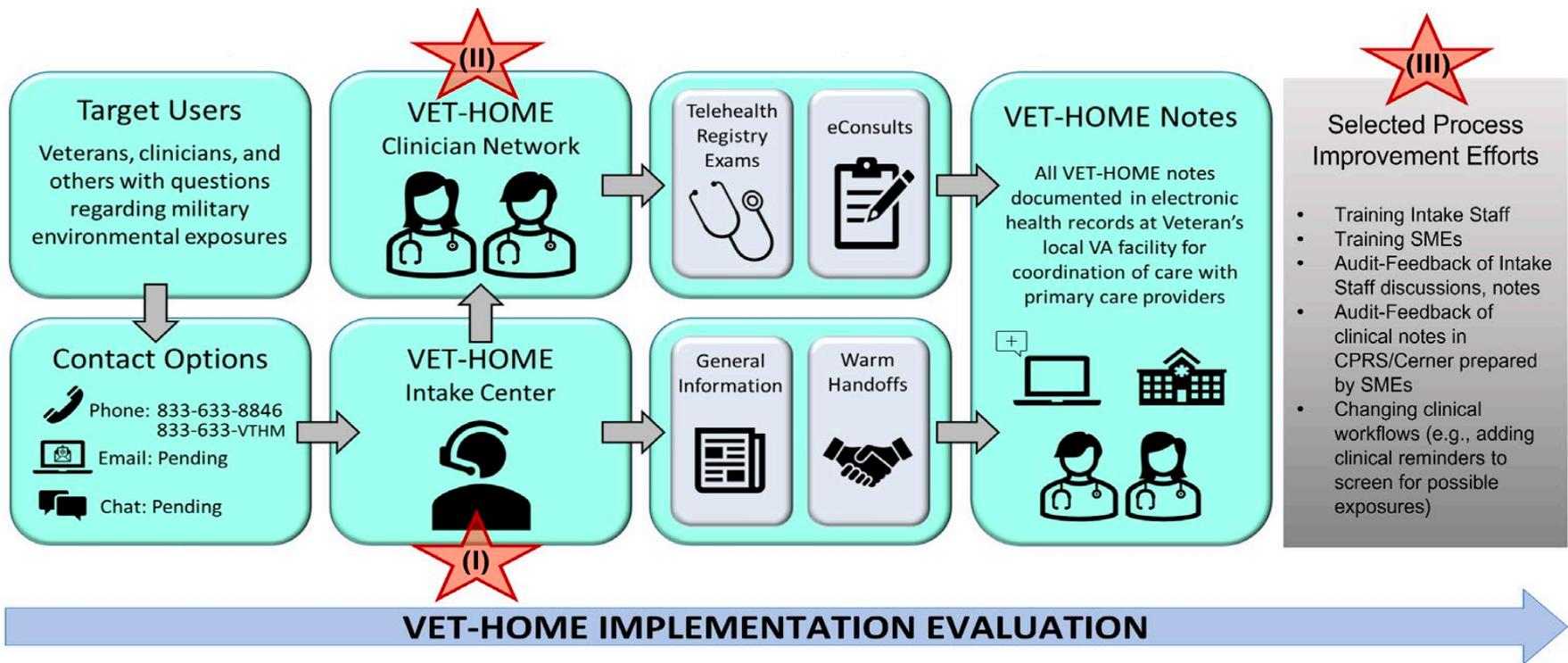


WHAT IS VET-HOME?

I) Centralized Call/Intake Center

II) A national network of military environmental health-trained clinicians accessible through a telemedicine platform

III) Network of coordinated process improvement efforts to ensure Veterans receive the all VET-HOME services they are eligible for, including improved documentation of findings from military exposure exams to support follow-up care





APPROACH

Aim 1. Support successful **Implementation** of high-quality and high-fidelity VET-HOME services provided through rapid cycle quality improvement studies.

Veterans with military exposure concerns



VET-HOME Intake Center Staff



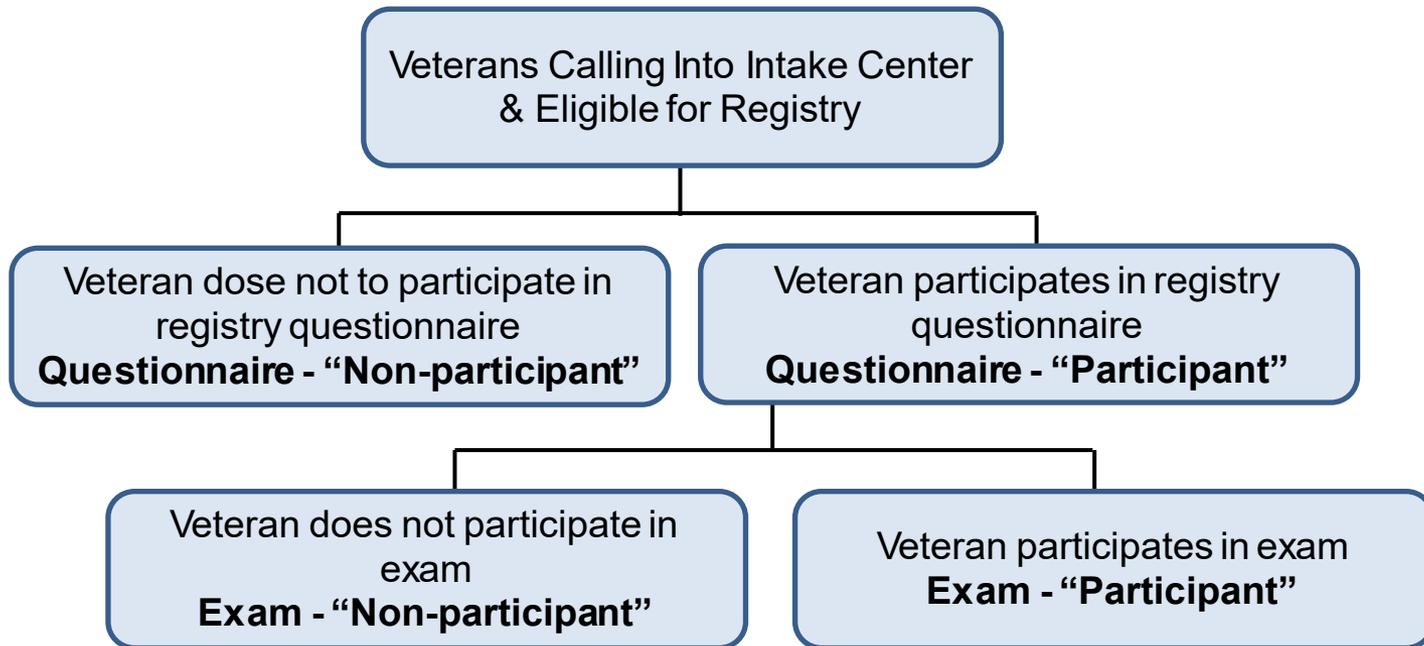
Provider Network (SMEs) via telehealth

Interviews & Surveys	Interviews & Surveys	Staff & Leadership Interviews	SME Interviews
Administrative Data	Intake Center Registry Data VA Electronic Health Record Data	Intake Center (process outcomes)	



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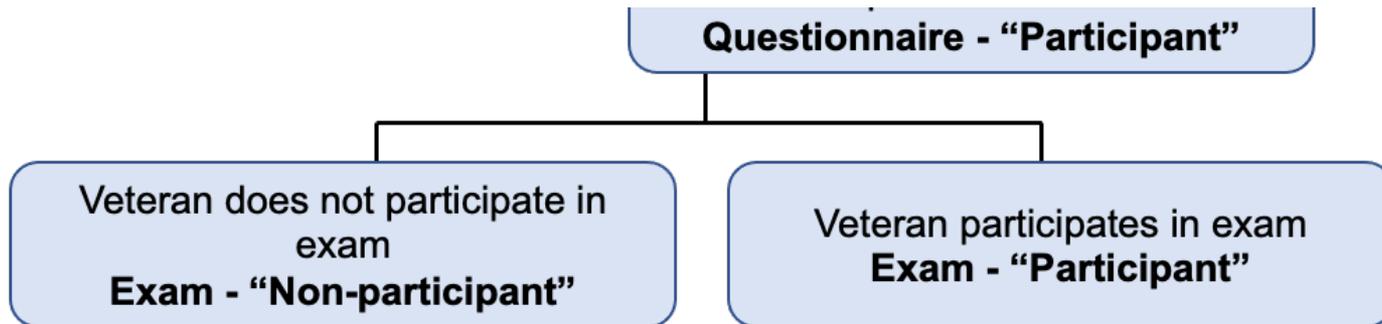
Aim 2. Assess whether VET-HOME increases registry enrollment of eligible GWVs on military exposure registries and describe the characteristics of the population reached (e.g., geographic region, gender, race/ethnicity, age) (**Reach**)





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Aim 3. Explore whether registry participation increases GWVs' engagement in VA care (e.g., VHA care enrollment, active utilization), and indicators of receipt of evidence-based practices using quantitative and qualitative data (**Effectiveness**).



Veteran Interviews

- Understanding of military exposures?
- Communication with PCP?

- Knowledge of resources?

VHA Administrative Data/EHR Data

- VHA enrollment?
- Whole Health visits?

- Physical Therapy/type of care?
- WRIISC?
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy



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